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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN-GERMAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

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1. IF THE FOURTH SENTENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S STATEMENT OF JUNE 3 IS TO BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE GOB POSITION ON PNE'S HAS EVOLVED CONSIDERABLY. IN TURN, IT SEEMS TO RAISE THE QUESTIONS: HAS THE FRG NOW OBTAINED A SPECIFIC, SAFEGUARDED COMMITMENT FROM THE GOB TO FOREGO PNE'S? IF IT HAS NOT, DOES NOT SILVEIRA'S DECLARATION WARRANT ANOTHER FRG EFFORT TO GET SUCH A COMMITMENT IN THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT?

2. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SILVEIRA STATEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO OPEN UP SOMEWHAT BETTER PROSPECTS FOR GOB ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS OF THE REVISED US-BRAZILIAN BILATERAL.

3. WE WANT TO NOTE ALSO THAT TO US THE TONE OF THE SILVEIRA STATEMENT IS UNTYPICALLY UNCONTENTIOUS AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD. IT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT "UN-FOUNDED ALLEGATIONS," "COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE", ETC. WHICH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SILVEIRA'S FEISTINESS AND QUICKNESS TO REACT AND THE HISTORY OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, WOULD NOT HAVE

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BEEN UNEXPECTED. WE SPECULATE RPT SPECULATE, THEREFORE,

THAT THE GERMANS, WHO HAVE A GREAT DEAL MORE AT STAKE THAN THE BRAZILIANS, MAY HAVE HAD A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ORIGIN AND DRAFTING OF THE STATEMENT. WE RECOGNIZE ALSO THAT THE GOB MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ARGENTINE SENSITIVITIES AND SUSPICIONS BUT THAT IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WOULD NOT HAVE INHIBITED--INDEED IT MIGHT HAVE COUNSELLED--A CERTAIN BLUSTERING TONE DIRECTED TOWARD US.

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